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The AGRICULTURAL CONVOCATION, called together by the Secretary of the Interior, is now in session at the Patent Office in Washington. It is understood that this measure it with a high hand. Sustained by the force has been adopted in conformity with the purpose expressed in the late report of the Secretary of the Interior, "to elevate agriculture, so essential to our wealth and prosperity as a nation, at least to an equality with other pursuits." Marshall P. Wilder, of Mass., was elected President of the Assembly, and Ben Perley Poore, Secretary. About forty gentlemen, out of the one hundred invited, were present on the first day. More are expected. Col. William Garrett and Lewis Bailey attend from Virginia.

A series of queries have been prepared on all the topics relating to the agriculture and agricultural capacity and advancement of every section of the country, and these are put to the Board for such replies as they may deem themselves competent to make. This method of obtaining statistical information has been deemed preferable in some respects to that of despatching agents to traverse the various sections of the Union; at least it has been deemed proper to make the experiment in the United States which has answered so well in Prussia. The results of the inquiries thus instituted will not be made public until they have been fully attained and matured. The Assembly will probably remain in session a week or ten days.

The Baltimore Exchange learns from a private source, but one upon which full reliability may be placed, that the intelligence recently received by the European mails, that Lord Dunfermline, the present Minister at the Hague, had been selected to succeed Lord Napier at Washington, is entirely erroneous. Lord Lyons, the present Minister at Florence, has been tendered the appointment, and has not only signified his acceptance, but his arrival in the United States may be expected to take place in the course of a few weeks. Whether Lord Napier is to change places with Lord Lyons, as originally announced. or whether he is to be transferred to the Hague, we are not informed; though the probability is that he will replace Lord Dunfermline, the position occupied by the latter being one of equal dignity.

The Richmond Whig, in an article on its advertising eustom, and its determination to put some limit upon those who advertise by the place of destination, and that many oththe year, says, "Many will feel surprise when ers are reduced to the grave's brink by the we tell them that a careful analysis of our business, convinces us that we have now on our list several honest, honorable, generous 'patrons,' who, without knowing what they are doing, are making us pay, for setting up the matter which they send us, an amount equal to the entire sum which they pay us, not taking into account at all the space they occupy in the paper." This is the experience of almost all publishers of papers. We have had, in times past, our experience, in the case, even worse than that of our friend from whom we quote. of the county of Cork to prevent an insur-Advertising is probably cheaper in Alexandria than in any other city in the United

account of the action of Mr. Roberts, the U. S. ments on the desponding tone in which the Vice Consul at that port, in inflicting a fine | President speaks of the future of the Repubof fifteen hundred and thirty dollars on Capt. lie, and brings into contrast the language of tor's, and was asked in by the servant to Samuel R. Hussey, of the American ship Staghound, for cruelties inflicted upon some seamen of the vessel, by the four mates. Captain Hussey was made responsible for the conduct of the officers of the ship, and fined as above stated.

New counterfeit \$5 notes on the Citizens' Bank of Baltimore have made their appearance. They are a close imitation of the genuine, and calculated to deceive, unless scrutinized closely.

his property, excepting one hundred thousand dollars, to Yale College. It is supposed that the College will thus obtain seven hundred thousand dollars.

"Tim Rives," the wheel horse of Democraey, and at present collector of the port of Petersburg, declares in the Petersburg Express of Saturday, that he "can't change front to the apprexation. West Florida has several support Letcher."

The step father and mother of a boy, who died a few days ago, from alleged ill-treat- Florida which has a preponderance of power ment and starvation, have been arrested in in the Legislature. Baltimore, and the case is now under exami-

The Buffalo Courier states that the Baltitimore morning papers are received there as early as the New York city papers of the same date. They are of course, conveyed, via the Northern Central Railroad route.

The Washington States admits "the deplorable disorganization among the forces of the Democracy, and the want of the authority of a recognized leader."

At Corning, New York, on the 3d instant, a sharty was burned down, and a woman and two children burned to death !

John Hancock, esq., a nephew of the revo Intionary patriot of that name, died on Sunday, in Boston, aged eighty-five.

Communications must be written on but one side of the sheets of paper-or they cannot be used with convenience in the printing ofice, and frequently have to be omitted, altogether, on that account

be attended to this week.

THE BRITISH PERIODICALS .- L. Scott & Co., of New York, continue to republish the leading British Quarterlies and Blackwood's Magazine. By this arrangement the Ameriwhile the English people are obliged to pay \$31. It is scarcely necessary to speak of the merits of these periodicals. They contain the richest fruits of the scholarship, wit, and genius of the literary men of Great Britain, and are alike of great value to the scholar, the professional man, and the intelligent reader. Their pages abound with elaborate criticisms, brilliant essays, profound speculations, and with whatever of interest may be found in science, literature, morality, and representatives of certain principles in poli-

ties, they are far from being grossly partizan. THE EDINBURGH REVIEW, in point of age at least, is first on the list. It was established by Jeffrey, Brougham, and Sidney Smith for the purpose of combating the ruling Tory to be in ill health. Among those present were a son of Brigham's, Heber Kimball, Lieut, Gen. Danpower, which was carrying everything before of brilliant intellect, and upheld by a strong public opinion, it carried on its contest single handed, until its voice made the Tory leaders quake, and the very throne tremble. It is still conducted with much vigor and ability.

THE LONDON QUARTERLY was established to meet this bold and daring champion on its own ground, and such writers as Southey. Scott, Lockhart, and Wordsworth enlisted as its contributors. It still represents conser-

means confined to their advocacy.

The Westminster Review belongs to a very "liberal" school, both of politics and religion, and is the least popular of all the

Reviews, in this country.

The North British Review made its appearance as a special advocate of evangelical religion. It was founded by Dr. Chalmers, and since his death has been under the editorial charge of Dr. Hanna, and more recently

of Prof. Fraser. BLACKWOOD'S MAGAZINE everybody knows to be the embodied genius of Toryism, yet its have not appointed delegates, will move in witching rhetorie, profound disquisitions, the matter this month. The Convention bids slashing yet brilliant criticisms, poetry, biography, historical, and fictitious narratives, render it, perhaps, the most readable monthly in the world.

The American publishers of these periodieals are in the receipt of advance sheets from the British publishers, which gives additional value to these reprints, inasmuch as they can now be placed in the hands of subscribers about as soon as the original editions.

The Western Episcopalian says : -: "Of forty-three bishops of the Episcopal church, consecrated during the last thirty years, only five have been removed by death. The presiding bishop, Dr. Brownell, is now in the fortieth year of his Episcopate. Bishop Meade, the next in seniority, was consecrated in 1829, ten years after Bishop Brownell.— During the four years since the consecration of Bishop Clark, of R. I., there has been but one Bishop consecrated, Bishop Bowman, of Pennsylvania. During the four years' preceding, there were no less than twelve commissioned for the Episcopate.

The Montgomery Confederation, of Thurslay, says that the lot of fifty Africans that passed through that place a few days ago, are tleman, residing within thirty-five miles of market may require. These frauds force that city, where they are being recruited from the hardships of their voyage preparatory to taking their place in the field. The Confederation adds, that "two of the misera- and exposing these frauds, and endeavoring ble wretches have died since their arrival at to defeat the purposes of the claimants. sufferings and hardships of the middle pas-

In regard to the recent arrests in Ireland, of the members of the Phenix Club, the Cork Constitution says :- "The treason was carried much farther than was suspected. There were daily and nightly drillings; pikes were manufactured: arms imported from America. and the use of them taught. The government was not a minute too early in interfering. A body of military and militia have been distributed through the western portion ted from the centralizing and consolidating

The London Times, taking for its text Mr. Buchanan's letter to the meeting in ceichra-A letter from Hong Kong, China, gives an tion of the capture of Fort Duquesne, compublic men on the future prospects of Eng- await his return. He was shown into the land, who doem that England's evils are passing away, while the tone of American soci- desk, securities and mongre of the value of ty indicates that those of the new world are

It is proposed to give a grand subscription ball, in Washington, in honor of Lord and Lady Napier, whose departure is generally regretted. There are precedents for this demonstration. A brilliant ball was given in compliment to M. and Madame Hyde byterian lady. During the prevalence of the de Neuville, upon their departure, and also to Sir Charles and Lady Bagot. A public his wife died of the epidemic, leaving a small infant, which was taken charge of by Mrs. eve of his first departure, and another when he returned as Sir Charles Vaughan.

> The West Florida journals are strongly advocating the annexation of their sec tlon of country to Alabama. The matter has gone so far that Alabama has appointed Mr. G. T. Yelverton to negotiate, reasons for this movement, but the chief is that the railroad system may be extended without restraint, as now imposed by East

The latest intelligence from ex-President Pierce is dated Naples, Dec. 2d, where he tion. The income of this fand is over \$18, a new bonnet; making her learn to do the washing; had remained a week, but was then making preparation, in obedience to medical advice, to go to the Island of Capri, for the benefit of Mrs. Pierce, the state of whose health, her new Chancellor of the Wisconsin State Unifather: throwing the dinner of corn and beans on friends will be pained to learn, is far from encouraging. She has suffered much from the damp cold air of Florence and its surround-

Gouldy, in New York, is now pronounced out of danger. He sits up every day, but is not allowed to converse on exciting topics .-He has not yet been informed of the fate of his son. Mrs. Gouldy and the two boys are quite recovered. The servant girl Joanna, was discharged on Friday from the hospital,

The Paris correspondent of the London Globe says that Count de Montalembert has received a letter from Count de Chambord. congratulating him on his independent atti. tude, and expressing the deep sympathy felt for him by the head of the Bourbon dynasty.

Gov. Sam Medary, of Kunsas, has made a requisition on the President for military aid Several communications on hand will in suppressing the disturbances in the Territhree times a day tory, near Fort Scott.

The New York Commercial thinks that not Lake City. It is a scene in Court:-

Brigham was set beside Ferguson in the bar. During the greater portion of the time he rested his head upon his hand, and his countenance wore a careworn, melancholy expression. Old residents say that he is very much broken down, and looks iel H. Wells, Geo. A. Smith, General Church Recorder and Historian, accompanied by the Twelve Apostles and the Church Dignitaries, John Taylor, the Mormon Editor and Author, Gov. Comming. and Judge Cradlebaugh. In the crowd were a number of the "Danites" and police. In striking contrast with the assembly in the room, sat the "baby" Judge, (as he is called by Brigham,) the Hon. Chas. E. Sinelair, but 28 years of age, who, with his clerk, D. A. Burr, esq., as yet a beardless youth, present, undoubtedly, the most youthful-looking Court in the United States. Still, his calm dignified demeanor, the perfect order and decorum which he maintains in his court, and the intellect vative principles, but its pages are by no and thorough knowledge of the law which he has thus far displayed in the sittings of his Court, have already earned for the Judge a fine reputation and character in this Territory.

The Whig Convention.

Meetings for the appointment of delegates to the Convention in Richmond on the 10th of February, have been held in Richmond City, Lynchburg, Dinwiddie, Essex, Augusta, Rockingham, Bedford, Pittsylvania, and several other counties. Other counties which bere not appointed delegates will more in differences of this kind, and leave both parfair to be numerously attended, by some of the best men in the State.

Missouri State Debt.

The State of Missouri has authorized the ssue of bonds in aid of her railroads, to the or reckless customer, have to be liquidated by amount of \$24,950,000, of which there has been already issued \$15,912,000. She has also issued bonds for State purposes to the included the cost of the "bad debts" liable to amount of \$602,000, and has authorized a further issue in aid of railroads of \$2,576,-000. Total debt actual and authorized, \$28,-

The Union says, that while many of the claims for Land in California by private individuals are genuine, a very large proportion are the basest frauds that have ever been committed since the beginning of the number of false witnesses who sustain these But few, as they are, they can furnish any amount due, and would be promptly resmarket may require. These frauds, forge- may otherwise be never made, -- Philadelphia

The Union contends that the proposed Pacific Railroad "is a work not only of great national utility in a commercial and business point of view, but of absolute necessity as connected with the immediate operations of the government; and that no system of national defences for the United States can be either complete or efficient without a Railroad to the Pacific." The Richmond Enquirer mourns over the almost hopeless task of attempting to arrest the making of this same road, by the General Government, and despairs of seeing the Constitution "protectendencies involved in the engetment of any law for a Pacific Railroad."

A few nights ago, Dr. Cole, of Boston, was alled upon by a stranger to visit a sick person in a part of the city some distance from his office. The doctor went on his mission, office, where he speedily removed from a \$2:700, with which he made off. A man named Tucker had been identified as the party who had visited the doctor's house. None of the property was found on him.

The Hebrew Benevolent Society of Charles ton, S. C., have presented a magnificent Bagster Bible to Mrs. Elizabeth Bonnell, a Presyellow fever in Charleston, an Israelie and without regard to the probability of infection. The presentation was a recognition of Mrs. Bonnell's kindness and courage.

The correspondent of the New Orleans Picayuma on the Isthmus of Tehauntepec. states that Dr. B. Martin, of Baltimore, purser throw into confusion the type with which he labe of steamer Oregon, on her first trip down, was decoyed ashore at Acapulco, and had not been seen up to the departure of the boat. He had at the time \$1,500 on his person, and it is presumed was waylaid, robbed, and probably murdered.

Wisconsin has set apart the avails of him. swamp jands as a fund for normal instruc-000. It will soon reach \$55,000, and is to be expended under the direction of the Hon. Heary Barnard, recently of Connecticut, and

Rumors are current that Senator Jefferson Dayis will take an early opportunity to comment, in the Senate, upon Mr. Douglas's Illinois speeches. It is very probable that Mr. Douglas will have early and ample opportunities to explain and defend his position | wretches who go about town beating unforin relation to the Democratic party, whatever tunate women, were respectably killed, it paid over to the City Treasurer, for the pay-

The husband of Miss Susan Cushman that was," is Dr. Muspratt, an eminent English chemist, the founder and principal of | would become the fashion to wear shert dress the College of Chemistry, Livergool, England.

It is said the Liverpool Consulate will shortly be secant, Mr. Tucker having signified his intention not to ramgin owing to in- she? adequacy of salary. The first omnibus has been started in the

Why does not every mechanic, when he much difficulty will arrise in Utah, from the performs a job, and every storekeeper, when different opinions entertained by Judge Sin- he sells a parcel of goods, send a bill, to be can public is enabled to obtain them for \$10. clair and the District Attorney, relative to delivered with the article, or upon the finishthe President's Proclamation of amnesty, ing of the job? He would find this advar-(see an article on the subject in yesterday's tage in it, that many bills would be paid Gazette,) as the United States attorney had promptly on delivery, which, by lying over for expressed his determination not to prepare six months, are frequently left unpaid, beindictments against any persons for the cause they come at a time when the demands crime of treason where the offence was com- upon the debtor's purse make it inconvenient mitted prior to the President's proclamation, or impossible to pay. The mass of mankind and by permission of the presiding judge had earn the money they expend by wages reso informed the grand jury in open Court. ceived from week to week. While the money Many of our readers who know Judge Sin- is in hand, it is more convenient and easy to clair personally, will be interested in the fol- pay off bills as fast as they are contracted .religion. While they are the acknowledged lowing extract of a letter from Great Salt This keeps the honest man out of debt. and leaves him always in the position of knowing "The Coart room was crowded on the 3d, and how he stands, or of making it more easy for him to meet any extraordinary expenditure which necessity may require. But by postponing the day of payment for three, or six months, the obligation to pay is not so pressing upon him as the gratification of some immediate want or pleasure; hence, the monev which should discharge his debts is, by the improvident or reckless, wasted away, and, when pay day-comes, he is unprepared to meet them. We have no doubt that every mechanic in Philadelphia has lost considerable money, carned by hard toil, from this very fact, and storekeepers make allowances annually of so much loss for "bad debts." Now, if mechanics and dealers were inva-

riably to send a bill upon the delivery of

goods, or the finishing of a job, it would enable those who desire to pay promptly, and there are many such, to do so at once. But the custom is to keep the purchaser ignorant of the amount till he forgets the nature of the job, or the articles delivered. Hence disputes spring up, litigation is promoted, and the dishonest avail themselves of every excuse to avoid the payment of the debt .ties in the position to continue their transactions with each other without any apprehension of loss. To the honest purchaser this prompt payment is as much a matter of moment as it is to the creditor. Of course no business can be carried on at a loss. The debts which are left unpaid by the dishonest the honest debtor. Hence, in the price charged upon goods, and service, to every purchaser, under this long credit system, is be incurred. The individual, therefore, who honestly intends paying his own debts, is also saddled with the debts of the dishonest creditor, who meant not to pay when he ordered the service, or goods. The long credit system in these small transactions is certainly, then, no benefit to any one except those who ought not to be benefited by it at the expense of the honest man. And if bills were always sent in as soon as the debt was contracted, this pernicious system would soon be broken up. Every individual, therefore, world. The most valuable lands on the who intends to pay his debts, should ask globe, in quantities varying from eleven to for his bills at once, and every individual thirty-three leagues, have been claimed on who wishes to be paid for his labor or his titles manifestly forged and fabricated. The goods should furnish them on asking, or even sooner. The bills should always accompany forgeries by their oaths is not large, for the the goods. This would afford the receiver moral character of the general population an opportunity to correct errors, would avoid there is as high as any other in the world .- disputes, and remind the purchaser of the

Virginia-Her Railroads.

The Eastern Virginian is as proud of the towering mountains of the West, as the Western Virginian is of the broad fields and magnificent waters of the East. The true Virginian, no matter in what quarter of the State he has his residence, is equally at home and equally exultant with State pride, whether climbing the mountain tops of the Alleghany region, or traversing the beautiful Valley, or speeding over the bright and broad waters of the Chesapeake and its tributaries.

Our railroad system has had much to do in stimulating and fostering this State pride. It has broken down the barriers which mountains interposed. It has knit us together, of all portions of the Commonwealth, in the bonds of indissoluble friendship. It has made neighbors and brethren of Virginians who had been, before, aliens and strangers, ocomotive of the Central Railroad, thundering through the bowels of the Blue Ridge, carries a daily message of concord and amity from East to West-and the serpentine track when the stranger again called at the doc- of the Tennesses Road, as it winds his way over the Alioghanies, constitutes a link of union between the fertile Southwest and the East, which shall never be broken!-Lynchlarg Virginian.

THE PRESENT DIVORCE CASE AT NEW HAvex. Coxy.—The argument in this noted divorce case was commenced last week. In reviewing the evidence in the case, the Pawtacket (R. I.) Chroniele remarks:

"Probably a more cut and dog life was never led for years in succession by two human beings man is revealed by this trial. The truth appears to be that the woman wanted nothing of th his money. She neither respected nor loved him. and all this he was not slow in finding out, and the consequence was that they were almost constantly quarreling about money marters. She wanted money, and he refused to let her have it, and she ould run him in debt for finery, and he in his rage would toa. Ler hompets, collars, and other articles of dress in pieces. This state of affairs ted is quarrels about other things. The evidence of Dr Bennett shows that his wife was a perfect fury far as he was concerned, and if she fared hard at his hands, he did not fare much better at hers.— She would pull his hair, lock him into dark rooms his pill boxes, blacken his shaving brush, duil his rezors, and do other things that would have provoked a mainl; and, we need not add, would use he ongue with great vigor. Her character as to virtue has been somewhat damaged by the revelations which have been made, but no actually criminal conduct has been proven; and perhaps her indis-cretions were merely for the perpose of authoring

These feminine performances of the wife were offseted by the husband's cursing her for asking for refusing her a servant; compelling her to paste the laters on his pill boxes; boxing her cars for burning some cranberties destined for a sauce: kicking he the floor with a spoon for not being ready at precisely twelve o'clock; making her saw wood; upsetting the coals on the new carpet; persisting

A Cincinnati paper has come to the conclasion that "if a score of the cowardly would be well for the community in general, and retributive justice in particular." pectably killed" is a good phrase.

The remark baying been made that it es, Mrs. Partington made a remark that whether fashion said so or not, her dresses were always short, for she never had but two What a mar, of domestic economy and sweet wisdom that woman is! Isn't

An editor of Indiana was attacked by a streets of Honolulu. It runs up "the valley" vent his injuring us, we got out of the way!" swept over all that section of the country. Sensible man that!

California Overland Mail-Discoveries of Gold Late from Utah.

the 26th of November. The United States when it reached the room where the explosion mail was met on the 15th. It is untrue that occurred, completely shattered the building Brigham Young was summoned to answer to atoms. The large school house, not twenthe charge of false imprisonment of the Gen- ty feet distant, had its windows on every side

Maj. Crossman had not left for the States, as reported.

The snow on the mountains was very deep. and the weather severe. There had been great suffering in consequence, among the ceptibly felt in every part of the city, causing army and the animals. The Sionx were joining the Chevennes

against the Pawnees Gold had been discovered on a small lake near Ash Hollow, and \$90 had been collected in a few hours by a wagon-master.

Senator Douglas at Philadelphia. Philadelphia, Jan. 3.—Senator Dougla arrived here this evening en route to Washington. He was received at the wharf by a committee and by the Keystone club, the campaign body of the last Presidential election Salutes were fired from Windmill Island, and a large procession formed, with torches and banners, which escorted him through the principal streets in an open barouche to the St. awrence hotel, amid a heavy snow storm.

On reaching headquarters, in compliance with the request of the assemblage, Judge Douglas addressed them, using about the same language as on the occasion of the New York serenade. He did not suppose the demons tration was intended as a personal compliment but as an evidence of attachment to principles for the Union he had struggled to uphold.

A speech from Mr. Forney was then deman Mr. Douglas is to be received as a Presidential candidate, but as the hero who stood up against misapplied official power and conquered-and, besides, he is the guest of the city. through the action of its councils.

Mr. Douglas will receive his friends to-mor-

row at Independence Hall. Seminaries for Negroes At Naples a new seminary for young ne- trial. groes was established about a year ago by a zealous monk, Father Ludovico. All the inmates had been bought by the founder in Africa, twelve at the expense of the King of Naples, and a palace had been donated for an educational establishment by a Neapolitan priest. In October, after the completion of one year's studies, an examination was held in the presence of the Cardinal Archbishop of Naples, the Prime Minister and several other distinguished personages, who declared themselves fully satisfied with it. The course of studies embrace the Italian, Latin, French and Arabic languages, geography, arithmetic, the elements of geometry, physics and the doctrines of the Catholic Church. The elimate of Naples agrees very well with the negroes, and it is therefore, intended to open also a seminary for the numerous young ne gresses whom Abbe Olivieri has been redeeming from slavery. Heretofore they have been dispersed in the convents of Italy, France and Germany, and a great many of them

roughness of a foreign climate.

Alabama Shad. All we lacked on Tuesday, says the Mobile Mercury, having "occular demonstration" of the existence of genuine Shad in our waters, was not being at our post at a particular been one of the elect. A friend of ours, who and heavily drifted. always has the luck of having first choice of the best fish, oysters, 'possums, &c., coming shad, caught within a couple of miles of Choctaw lighthouse, weighing seven pounds each. They were duly served, and the guests. Burksville, for Portsmouth, Va., was wreckhailing from all the shad localities of the Union, pronounced them genuine white shad. This, of course, puts at rest the long mooted question of Coosa river shad; for we have proof positive that this delicious fish is beoming somewhat plenty in our waters, and without having been introduced by spawn or young fish from the Savannah river.

The Newspaper --- Subscribe!

This is the a proper time to subscribe for newspaper, as these natural periods in the progress of years, greatly facilitate the keening of accounts, and enable newspaper sub scribers to ascertain with readiness when their dues to the editor should be forthcoming. Moreover, it is well to commence the year with good resolutions, and to raduce them to practice. No family or business man can afford to be without a newspaper, and in this age of progress, pregnant with startling events; when "men walk to and fro, and knowledge is multiplied in the earth;" when, such are the facilities for the concentration and rapid transmission of intelligence from every quarater of the globe, that we daily send out our carrier with "news from all nations lumbering at his back"-those who are not in receipt of a daily paper, fall sadly be-Lind the times. Lynchburg Vaginian.

A New Dance.

A new quadrille, which is to supercede the Lancers," is announced at some of the New said to be taking all Europe by storm. The unite the Opposition. omposer, Herr Eichler, had a prize of honor warded him by an entire congress of masters expect that that hamense body of men -800. at Vienna. The quadrille consists of six very | 000 in number - who cast their votes for Mr. beautiful figures, which are called "The Gor- Fillmore in 1856, and who are known to the mans," "The Hungarians," "The Poles," The Italians," "The Sclavonians," and "The Austrians. unper-tendom, including many a Fifth Aven- rally, and politically, impossible, Before the ue belle is being duly initiated into the Whigs and Americans can be brought to act mysteries of the hotebiec, a characteristic ter- with them, they must anamon altogether the mination to each figure of this exhilerating one idea which lies at the bottom of their

Philadelphia Water Works.

In Philadelphia some 70,000 houses are as essed to the water rates. The receipts of 1858, up to December 1st, have been as fol-Water rents of 1857 and 1856 \$10,-204,20; penalties, \$1,429.62; water rents of 1858, \$377, 385,05; penalties, \$7,486,51; water \$32,345,25; fractional rents \$17,328 ; making a total of \$446, 155,46; leaving about \$5,000 to be collected on the duplicate of 1858. The Register's estimate of receints for 1859, amounts to \$500,000. The capital invested in the water works of Philadelphia is \$3 000 000; the interest upon which amounts to 180,000. The expenses of the department are about \$160,000, thus leaving a profit to the city of over \$160,000, which amount is ment of expenses of other departments.

Destruction of Trees.

The steady rain of the past week, which was rather warm and spring-like in Balt'more, congealed into sleet, as it fell, in the vicinity of Reisterstown. The ice thus formed on trees, ultimately became so heavy as to completely strip them of their branches,-Whole peach and apple orchards have thus been thoroughly destroyed, whilst in the woods around, the multiplicity of broken man for come personal grievance. The edi- limbs would lead an uninformed observer tor says: "To avoid injuring him, and pre- to suppose that a fearful tornado had recently Baltimore Clipper.

TELEGRAPHIC DESPATCHES.

WORCESTER, MASS., Jan. 2.- A two-story St. Louis, Jan. 3.—Theoverland mail, with brick engine house in this city, was blown up dates from San Francisco to the 6th ult., has so thoroughly yesterday afternoon, with all its arrived, bringing six passengers, including contents, that not one brick remains upon Major Emory. He confirms the previous ac- another. A fire had been made in the engine counts of the Gila gold mines. There is said | house the night before, and it is supposed that to be considerable emigration from Sonora to the gas, which had been smelling strong on the premises for a day or two, had communi We have by this arrival the Utah mail to cated from the main pipe to the cellar, and almost entirely blown in, and the building itself was otherwise seriously injured. All the neighboring houses suffered in the same way; brick, stones and refuse generally flew in every direction. The concussion was pergeneral consternation. The damage will probably be at least \$10,000.

TROY, N. Y., Jan. 3 .- Quite an excitement prevailed here last evening, in consequence of the discovery of two dead bodies (in a partially dissected condition) in a house in Congress street. A crowd of several hundred persons gathered in the vicinity, and threatened to tear the house down. Finally, coffins were procured and the bodies taken away, and after the complete gutting of the room in which they had been found, the exitement was somewhat allayed.

Manchester, N. H., Jan. 1.—Two men. Samuel Cargill and Charles F. Bunker, were instantly killed last evening, in No. 1 Manhester Print Works. They were literally torn to pieces between the large wheel of the mill and a post, so that the flesh and limbs were torn into a great many pieces and not ne left over two feet long. Bunker was showing Cargill how to make the nightly xamination of the wheels, and it is supposed that he (Bunker) was caught in the wheel first, and that Cargill in trying to save him

SAVANNAH, Jan. 3.-The examination of ded, in which he denied the imputation that the parties under arrest, charged with being connected with the operations of the slaver Wanderer, in bringing a cargo of Africans into this State, was continued to-day. Dr. Duke testified that he visited the negroes on Mr. Montmorlin's plantation, sixteen miles up the river. They could not speak English, and some of them spoke Spanish. He could not say whether they were native Africans or not. The prisoners were all committed for

St. Louis, Jan. 3 .- It is reported that the Governor of Missouri has made a requisition upon the Governor of Kansas for Capt. Montgomery, charged with the murder of several Missourians. It is feared that a com- as much credit for natural superiority as the pliance with the requisition will create a ci-

City, for New Orleans, to-day, carried out no ie. The Southern shipments are regarded as having ceased.

The steamship Asia, for Liverpool, on Wednesday, has about \$250,000 in specie en-

and occupied by H. R. & J. L. Plimpton, of created an aptitude for advancement in those 62 White street, New York, for the manufac- avocations which the mind itself has devised ture of secretary bedsteads, was, with its contents, entirely destroyed by fire last night .- and an unflinehing will, are the requisites of Loss \$10,000; insured for \$5,000 in the Ætna | what is called genius; and an individual wh office of Hartford.

COLUMBIA, S. C., Jan. 3 .- The body of Allen E. Eli, of the firm of Durrie & Allen, in the history of man; for these are the quahave met with a premature death from the Beekman street. New York, was recovered fications which surround a man's name with yesterday from the water into which the cars | a nimbus that makes him respected and prowere thrown. C. J. M. Dickson, of Eng- ferred while living, and causes the bloom land, is missing. His effects have been found in the creek.

St. Louis, Jan. 3.—The Mexican mail, Patience must be the mentor of has arrived. The Navajos are making full suit must be rigidly acquired before the doc restitution for their recent depredations in to cardinal achievements will be opened. hour. A select fish dinner party, however, order to secure peace. The roads were very Some, like the famed gourd, have arise testify to all we could have said, even had we bad, the snow being to a considerable depth, greatness apparently in a day; but they are

New YORK, Jan. 3.—The military was withdrawn from Staten Island to-day, by or- to the realization of full success. An individ to market, thus became possessed of four der of Gov. Morgan. No more troubles are ual, too, must have fair surroundings. For we now anticipated at quarantine. Boston, Jan. 3.—The schooner Secor, of

ed at Cuttyhunk, on Friday. The crew were

Augusta, Jan. 1.—The Savannah river is very full, and rising from the effect of the re-

Politics-The Presidential Election.

Let the Democracy wrangle as they may, in 1860 they will be united as one man. The experience of the past teaches us to expect this union, with as much certainty as we look for the rising of the sun to-morrow .--Lecomptonites and anti-Lecomptonites, Douglasites, and anti-Douglasites, those who now denounce the Administration, or those who support it, all will rally around the nominee the Charleston Convention and vote for him in solid column. Let those who doubt it, tell as when the Democracy ever failed to unite when the spoils became endangered.-If the Opposition be divided, the United Democracy cannot fail to beat it. The result of the contest two years ago, puts this fact beyond all question. At that time, the Republican party was far stronger than it it is now, or than ver can be again. Under the most popular leader it could select, it could not, at this moment come within ave hundred thousand votes, of easting such a vote as it did in If then, it was defeated in 1856, what less than annihilation can it expect, if weeks at very high prices, it venture single-handed into the field in 1860? It could not carry a single Southern State, and it would most assuredly lose Pennsylvania, Indiana, Illinois, California, with a prospect of losing others. In one York dancing academies. It is called the word, the Democracy must triumph unless "Empire," or "Reich's Quadrille," and is the Opposition unite, and no Republican can

It is in vain for the Republican party to

country as Whigs and Americans, can ever be brought to vote for any Republican candi-The New York papers say that | date as such. The thing is practically, moconstitution. But under a Republican leader, they might put forth any sort of platform, and the Whigs and Americans would still believe it was all a sham. No Republican nominee could command a single vote outside of the Republican party. If he had any strength at all, it would all come from within. The Republican party can only convince those without whose assistance they cannot elect their candidate, that they have abandoned their extreme views, by supporting a tried conservative. Such a man, thus supported, would sweep everything before in 1860. The Democracy could never rally, after such a defeat as it would sustain. -Rich, Whig.

The celebration of New Year's day in New York, was attended by an unusual amount of drunkenness, bloodshed and outrages, On Friday night a drunken fracas occurred among a party of serenaders, in a drinking session, and are destined to work far m saloon on Third street, which resulted in Patrick Lane stabbing J. E. Looney to the heart than ever before," We hope so. with a dirk knife, from which death almost immediately ensued. Lane, who is only 20 years of age, was arrested, and when he became sensible of the crime he had commit ted, threw himself upon the body of the murdered man, who happened to be an intimate friend, and sobbed and wept like a child,

From present appearances it is impossible that the Pension bill for the soldiers of the Success. BY J. B. JOHNSON

Patience, industry, and integrity, are it pass-words to prosperity and if an indusual will adhere to them, they will soon loohim to that structure, within whose wall, a will meet, at every step, independence at

Nothing desirable is gained save by to

tient labor; and, notwithstanding, the worl looks upon the extraordinary achievement in Art and Science as the result of an inkrent inclination for a particular species a mental employment, we find upon examine tion, that that which is attributed to Grans is nothing more than the result of a diligenapplication of the natural powers of the mind to a single object, with a fixed determine nation to excel. There are, unquestionably differences of mental capacity; and although each individual has a mind peculiarly his own, nature has left it to man so to regular his acts, as to invigorate or enervate both his mind and body. The timid are apt to say "It is useless for me to aspire to anything great; I have no genius for such a calling If such will but cultivate the energies their minds, and each one give his attentito a particular branch of art or science, the will soon detect that that genius, which the regard as a special endowment, is nothin more than another term for Industry.

A. performs most sweetly on the forte. He is far superior to all his cotempo raries, and the world recognises him as greatest pianist living. Did nature antici pate his calling, and give him a genius to performing on the piano forte? Certain not; for pianos are of human invention, an individual is not born to things factition but to things natural, and only becomes miliar with the artificial by association at education. The same party of reasoning will apply to all those mental excellence which are proclaimed as aptitudes, and view ed as the unmistakable children of genius.

If Genius does exist, it must be a part man's instinct, and he is necessarily forces to take to a particular calling, as a fish taketo swimming, or a bird to flying; and, there fore, one man is predestined to be a better shoemaker, one a better tailor, than another If a shoemaker or a tailor excels his contem poraries in his calling, as much as a disting guished orator does his, he is equally entitled to the claim of Genius, and the one deserveother; for the orator would display quite a much awkwardness in making a shoe or a New York, Jan. 3 .- The steamer Empire | coat, as the shoemaker or tailor would in ma

ing a display in oratory. Sometimes a variety of excellencies are found in the same mind, and those personwho are recognized as the possessors of ge nius, are the first to deny its existence; f they well know that everything is a trade WESTFIELD, Jan. 2.—The building owned and that nature could not in anywise have A well balanced mind, a good constitution possesses these qualities can ascend from the most humble condition of life to the highest immortality to be shed on his virtues when

with dates from Santa Fe to the 13th ult., and the elementary principles of a given pur very rare; for the longest lifetime, most enomically spent, is too frequently necessary would not esteem that man a skilful angler who would fish in some petty mountain stream for shad; nor would we reckon a man a very wise botanist, who would seek the Sahara desert to study his calling; but would naturally expect the former to seek deep waterand the latter to select those locations where

flowers grow most luxuriantly Let no young man say, "I cannot!" Let him study the biography of those men whose names are held in sacred remembrance b the world, and learn lessons of wisdom an patient endurance. Let him seek a suitable theatre, and press steadily onward in the paths of virtue and usefulness, and Succewill soon lend its smiles; for it is the willthe godlike, indomitable will-which accomplishes wonders, and surmounts obstaclewhose proportions seem too enormous for the

energies of man to overcome. Alexandria, Jan. 3d, 1859.

Letter from Clarke County.

Correspondence of the Alexandria Gazette WHITE POST, Dec. 31, 1858,-Monday last was Court day for this County. There was a large attendance, though but little busness was transacted, it being hiring day. Slaves, men, hired from \$90 to \$100; women from \$35 to \$60. A great many slaves have been sold in this County in the last two

The prospect for a crop of wheat at this time is fine. The weather having been open and most of the wheat has been growing all the winter.

It is reported that Alexander Parkins, ed tor of the Clarke Journal, is about to become one of the Editors of the Richmond Examner, If true, Clarke County will loose a able writer and a highly educated gentlemen and while we should be sorry to loose him : a citizen, (looking at the high position the Examiner holds, and its bright future, we a could not wish his talents confined to a con-

try paper. The Whigs and Americans are takin steps to be represented in the Whig Convention, to be held in Richmond, to nominate at opposition ticket. For myself, I am w enough satisfied with "Honest John. vote for him over any other man that can named. I feel satisfied that party feeling has lost much of its power.

Congress.—The Washington Star of yester day afternoon says: "The distant public may rost assured that the balance of the current aession of Congress is destined to be the meindustrious one known to the history of the country. While something may be due to: very universal condemnation of their act resolving upon the recent recess, uttered the press in all quarters of the country, in si erinducing extra efforts of labor on the us of the members, it is also very true that shi they first came together on the first Monda of last month, they have labored with fare er application to business-consummation far more-than ever before so early in t session. Thus they have worked in the systematically during the remainder A letter from Turin states that the con-

tion of Italy grows every day more serious The impression is general that a politic crisis is at hand. It is from a high south that rumors of a warlike tendency proceed It is also believed that Piedmont is ence aged by the Tuilleries.

Scarlet Fever is prevailing to a considerawar of 1812, will pass the Senate this session. ble extent in the western part of Petersburg